

MTA-5002

1 February 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- January 1984

## I. GENERAL

Progress continued in fortifying the embassy's defenses against car bombings and other types of attacks. Work completed to date includes a 9-foot concrete wall at the rear of the embassy; reinforcement of the embassy wall adjacent to the underground parking lot ramp; the erection of metal gates in the parking lot; the emplacement of blast deflectors at the front of the embassy. The more stringent security measures are also being felt by embassy visitors. Closer scrutiny is given to parcels and handbags when entering the building, and vehicle parking near the embassy has been eliminated.

Despite all the security measures in the past several months, the bureau was forced to evacuate due to a bomb threat on 15 January.

The first indications of construction are beginning to appear at the new office site. Work has begun on the installation of the dedicated air conditioning system, and the reinforced walls at the entrance and for the vault have been erected. The erection of the antenna roof system will begin within a couple of weeks.

## II. OPERATIONAL

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

#### HEBREW SECTION

It was a busy month for the section on a number of fronts. The new year began with Yehuda Dominitz, head of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department, letting the cat out of the bag about the secret airlift of 25,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The revelation, officially confirmed 3 days later, and subsequent accusations and denials, may well have put the whole program in jeopardy.

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More significant were developments in Lebanon. Although the Israeli leaders had seriously debated the issue openly for months, they seemed to have taken a number of people by surprise on 14 January when the Cabinet decided on a three-phase withdrawal. The on-again off-again talks in Al-Naqurah took on a different character with the debate switching from whether to when the Israelis would withdraw, with the Lebanese demanding a specific timetable and coordination to give its forces and that of UNIFIL time to prepare to take over the area to be evacuated by the IDF.

The IDF on the other hand, has specified only the first phase calling for withdrawal in the western sector, the Sidon area, to the Litani-al-Nabatiyah area within 5 to 6 weeks (18 February). After that, the Cabinet will assess the situation before beginning phase two which would see the IDF withdrawal to the Hasbayya area and later phase three which would see the IDF deploy along the international border with Lebanon. What will happen after the withdrawal has been the subject of great speculation but the Israeli line has generally been that security in Lebanon is a problem the Lebanese will have to handle, and Israel reserves the right to reenter Lebanon to protect the Galilee settlements.

Toward the end of the month as the end of the first economic package deal came into sight, pressure was on to come up with an economic plan. On 23 January, after 4 days and nights of long and arduous negotiations covering almost every aspect of economic activity, an 8-month agreement was hammered out calling for, among other things, a 7.5% drop in workers wages, significant cuts in subsidies, and minimum compensation of workers.

On the Egyptian front, 3 days of talks were held in Beersheba on the Tabah issue. The main issues in dispute were not resolved, but the sides agreed to continue the talks at a venue and time to be determined by political channels.

#### TURKISH SECTION

Turkish and Greek Cypriot leaders held their long-awaited summit in New York from 17 to 20 January. In numerous statements the Turkish Cypriots had made it clear that they were looking for a signature on the document drawn up by UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar as a result of the proximity talks he had conducted. The Greeks Cypriots refused to sign without negotiating a number of points in the document. Thus the summit broke up with the Turkish Cypriots saying that any new negotiations would have to start from scratch. The Turkish Cypriots subsequently announced that elections would be held on 23 June.

## B. Lateral Services

The Hebrew section translated for DCM Flaten a Jerusalem radio report on Donald Regan's criticism of Israel's economy.

The bureau supplied duplicate of Political Section's file to the U.S. team present at the Beersheba talks on Tabah.

## II. PERSONNEL

This is the first time in several months that there was no cost of living increase. However, a wage scale increase retroactive to 23 December was approved based on the November salary survey. The increase was highest at the higher and lower ends of the scale, with the overall range from 21.7 % to 46.6%.

STAT [redacted] resigned as administrative assistant and was  
STAT replaced by [redacted] from the embassy's Budget and Fiscal  
section.

STAT Special Assistant Operations Group [redacted] and PMCD  
STAT officer [redacted] visited the bureau from 13 to 15 January to  
familiarize themselves with implementation of the Tel Aviv wage  
scale.

STAT Bureau Chief [redacted] and Deputy Chief [redacted] visited  
the IDF's open media monitoring service in Herzliyah.

STAT [redacted]

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1985 ATTACHMENT A1. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 323,440  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 74,630  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 1,023

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	6,466 min.	10,520 min.	51 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	18,100		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	800		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	21,200		
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	1,800		
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	5,300		

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	13,100		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	94,300		
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	15,600		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	33,000		
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew		13,300	
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			900
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			16,300
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			3,900
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			11,800

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<b>ISRAEL (cont'd)</b>			
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			11,800
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			600
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			5,700
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			11,800
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			2,900
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
<b>TURKEY</b>			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	22,700		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		700	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		9,700	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish to ANATOLIA Ankara		0	
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>			
London BBC World Service in English	600		
<b>USSR</b>			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	2,100		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 85 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 323,440 (203,890)  
 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 74,630 (52,020)  
 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 12,841 (8,255)  
 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 24,000 on 15 January  
 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 5,580 on 12 January

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 33.4 HOURS, 6.53 PERCENT.

~~OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 30.0 HOURS, 5.87 PERCENT.~~

OUTAGES: 2 January - Computer problems at [ ] STAT  
 17 January - SC3 Mux failure  
 18 January - Problems at [ ] on HP, LP, EN cards STAT  
 on black MX-113  
 20 January - Problem with MX-113  
 21 January - Unknown  
 22 January - Equipment replacement at TCU  
 23 January - Problem at [ ] and TCU STAT  
 27 January - Equipment reprogramming at local TCU  
 28 January - Local maintenance  
 29 January - Problems with local equipment

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 5,610

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.